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BatStateU hosts 17th National Symposium on Marine Science, advocating marine system restoration

The 17th edition of the bi-annual National Symposium of the Philippine Association of Marine Science (PAMS) was held in the Batangas State University, The National Engineering University (BatStateU) from July 20 to 22. With over 500 attendees hailing from diverse organizations and institutions spanning five countries worldwide, the event centered around the theme "Preserving Our Seas: Restoring Marine Systems for People and Nature."

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, BatStateU President, warmly welcomed esteemed marine researchers and participants. He emphasized the spirit of collaboration as a strong driving force on this journey. "In this room, we are not merely conference attendees; we are the guardians of our seas, the keepers of our future, and the architects of an eco-resilient world," he said.

Researchers from various institutions presented their studies through posters and oral presentations in diverse categories within SPECIES, SYSTEM, GOV, OCEAN, FISH, CONS, PAN, and TECH. These studies covered fundamental aspects such as marine biology, ecology, taxonomy, and systematics, as well as habitat assessment, policies for marine habitat protection, and the relationship between

marine organisms and their environment. The presentations encompassed fisheries methodologies, degradation and restoration of marine habitats, connecting marine knowledge to society, and modern approaches in studying the marine environment. Both competing and non-competing posters and oral presentations were conducted throughout the symposium's three-day duration.

The symposium also showcased innovative strategies for marine system restoration and preservation. Dr. Gil S. Jacinto from the University of the Philippines Diliman, as the keynote speaker, highlighted the Philippines' involvement in collaboration with international peers during the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. He focused on finding effective management practices for our marine environment, further enhancing its contribution to our national economy. On a different note, Dr. Severino Salmo III, also from the University of the Philippines Diliman, addressed the adverse effects of poor mangrove planting on the coastal ecosystem. Ms. Mariglo Laririt, representing the El Nido Resorts/Ten Knots Development Corporation, emphasized how responsible tourism practices implemented by private corporations could aid



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in restoring marine biodiversity. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Assistant Secretary provided insights into their agency's efforts to manage and protect marine biodiversity. Mr. Pacifico Beldia II from the Malampaya Foundation, Inc. highlighted the significant contributions of coastal communities in generating science-backed knowledge for studying and safeguarding the marine environment, particularly in the Verde Island Passage. Finally, Dr. Ben Malayang III, from the Foundation for the Philippine Environment, shared how his team introduced genomics and advanced technologies to help marine organisms adapt to the rapidly changing environment due to climate change.

Aligned with Republic Act 11694, the symposium fulfills a crucial role in supporting the mandates outlined in Section (h) of the Act, which designates Batangas State University as The National Engineering University. Notably,

one of the mandates of RA 11694 involves leading in the protection, conservation, and strategic management of the Verde Island Passage (VIP), known as the 'center of the center of marine shore fish biodiversity in the world.'

The symposium provided a platform for esteemed marine researchers and participants to explore innovative strategies for marine system restoration and preservation, directly contributing to BatStateU's objectives. This event solidifies BatStateU's commitment to marine conservation and emphasizes shared responsibility in safeguarding the seas. It marks a significant step toward advocating for the restoration of marine ecosystems and nurturing a sustainable future for coastal communities and the environment.



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